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Joel Bryan Mayes Collection

Mayes, Joel Bryan (1833–1891). Printed materials, 1886–1905. .66 foot.

Indian chief. Typescripts of newspaper articles and correspondence (1886–1905) of Mayes, a principal chief of the Cherokees, concerning tribal politics and the dissolution of tribal title to the Cherokee Strip.

Box 1

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1. *Indian Chieftain*--Oct 28, 1886. Editorial on Mayes supporting him for Chief.
2. *Indian Chieftain*--June 23, 1887. Editorial re: corruption of present government and need for change.
3. *Indian Chieftain*--December 8, 1887. Editorial on Mayes re: violence when Mayes took over from Bushyhead.
4. *Cherokee Advocate*--January 4, 1888. Message of Mayes on being sworn in as Chief.
5. January 30, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council transmitting bond of R.B. Ross.
6. February 1, 1888. Veto message of Mayes of Senate Bill #15, to grant grazing license to the Cherokee Strip Livestock Association on Cherokee lands west of the 96th Meridian.
7. February 3, 1888. Message of Mayes to Senate pointing out clerical error in Bill #9.
8. February 3, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council urging more speedy action on measures before them.
9. February 6, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council re: funds for the Male Seminary.
10. February 7, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council, returning without signature Bill #17, re: holding of two offices.
11. February 8, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council re: Senate Bill #5 financial matters.
12. February 9, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council re: indebtedness of the National Prison.
13. February 9, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council re: Senate Bill #5.

14. *Indian Chieftain*--May 17, 1888. Message from Mayes to Cherokee people re: grazing lands.
15. June 19, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council re: work of the Commissioner.
16. June 29, 1888. Letter to Mayes from U.S. Government appointees to investigate claims of the Indian Home Guard.
17. *Cherokee Advocate*--May 23, 1888. Message from Mayes to Cherokee people re: grazing lands.
18. *Cherokee Advocate*--June 27, 1888. Letter from Mayes to W.E. Sanders, Sheriff of Cooweescoowee District, re: confiscated cattle of C.M. McClellan.
19. *Cherokee Advocate*--June 27, 1888. Special message of Mayes to Senate and council of the Cherokee National Council re: grazing lands.
20. July 10, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council submitting statement of sheriff of Delaware District re: injunction against writ of execution against the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Co.
21. *Cherokee Advocate*--July 11, 1888. Special message of Mayes to Senate and Council re: grazing lands.
22. July 14, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council re: grazing lands.
23. July 17, 1888. Ibid.
24. July 17, 1888. Letter from Mayes to Senate and Council re: salaries.
25. *Cherokee Advocate*--July 18, 1888. Special message of Mayes to National Council re: grazing lands.
26. July 19, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council re: adjourning special session.
27. *Cherokee Capital*--July 20, 1888. Editorial re: the extra session of the National Council.
28. *Cherokee Capital*-- July 20, 1888. Editorial on Mayes.
29. *Indian Chieftain*--July 26, 1888. Message of Mayes to members of the National Council re: grazing lands.
30. *Indian Chieftain*--September 20, 1888. Proclamation of Mayes re: grazing lands.
31. *Indian Chieftain*--October 18, 1888. Letter of Mayes "To all who it may concern" re:

grazing lands.

32. *Indian Chieftain*--October 25, 1888. Letter from Mayes to William F. Vilas, Secretary of the Interior, re: grazing lands.
33. *Cherokee Advocate*--November 7, 1888. Annual message of Mayes as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.
34. November 20, 1888. Letter from Mayes to National Council submitting and endorsing as favorable a petition from the Board of Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church re: location of church and school lands.
35. Petition mentioned in #34.
36. December 4, 1888. Letter from Mayes to the National Council re: signing of a bill on grazing.
37. December 8, 1888. Decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Johnson Thompson vs. Cherokee Nation.
38. *Indian Chieftain*--December 20, 1888. Mayes' reaction on grazing lands.
39. *Cherokee Advocate*--February 1, 1889. Passage of grazing lands bill.
40. *Indian Chieftain*--February 7, 1889. Letter from Mayes to a friend re: affairs of the Nation.
41. *The Telephone*--March 1, 1889. Meeting of the Senate committee on territories considering the Oklahoma Bill, which Mayes attended.
42. *Indian Chieftain*--March 7, 1889. Letter from Mayes and other Cherokees and two Chickasaw delegates, to the editor of the *Washington Post*, opposing his stand on the Oklahoma Bill.
43. *The Telephone*--August 2, 1889. Mayes verification of the \$6,600,00 offer on grazing lands.
44. *Indian Chieftain*--August 8, 1889. Two articles re: Mayes and the offer of the U.S. Government Commission to purchase the outlet.
45. *Cherokee Advocate*--August 14, 1889. Letter of Mayes to the U.S. Commissioners re: purchase of the outlet.
46. *Cherokee Advocate*--November 6, 1889. Third Annual message of Mayes as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.
47. November 13, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the National Council appointing John

Thompson Adair as Steward of the Cherokee Female Seminary.

48. November 14, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the National Council submitting accounts of the Sheriff of the Cooweescoowee District.
49. November 14, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the President of the Cherokee Senate appointing William Gott as Steward of the Cherokee Male Seminary.
50. November 14, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the President of the Cherokee Senate appointing Fox Diningburg, Lewis R. Thornton, and Bird Jones as Town Commissioners.
51. *Indian Chieftain*--November 21, 1889. Chief Mayes' Thanksgiving Proclamation.
52. November 27, 1889. Letter from Mayes to Cherokee Senate appointing F.M. Connor as Town Commissioner.
53. November 29, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the Cherokee Senate re: payments for R.B. Harris.
54. November 20, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the National Council transmitting the report of Treasurer R.B. Ross.
55. November 25, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the National Council re: the death of George Tehee.
56. December 5, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the Cherokee Senate submitting the fee promised in the case of W.P. Henderson, Sheriff of the Delaware District, before the U.S. Court at Fort Smith, Arkansas.
57. December 7, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the National Council informing it of his call for an extra session.
58. December 11, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the National Council re: the 1889 of the Secretary of the Interior.
59. December 11, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the National Council re: the dilapidated condition of the Cherokee Male Seminary.
60. *Cherokee Advocate*--December 11, 1889. Letter from Mayes to National Council re: appropriations for the Colored High School, Primary Schools, Seminaries, National Prison and the *Cherokee Advocate*.
61. December 13, 1889. Letter from Mayes to the National Council appointing J.L. Adair and D.W. Bushyhead delegates to Washington.
62. *Indian Chieftain*--March 6, 1890. Letter from Mayes to President Harrison re: taking care

of Cherokee lands. (Letter dated November 24, 1890 [sic]).

63. *Cherokee Telephone*--July 3, 1890. Critical editorial on Mayes.
64. Ibid.
65. July 17, 1890. Ibid.
66. Ibid.
67. *Indian Chieftain*--August 21, 1890. Letter from Stephen Teehee to Mayes informing him of his nomination for Chief by Downing Party. (Nomination is dated August 14, 1890.)
68. August 16, 1890 (sic). Letter from Mayes to Stephen Teehee accepting nomination.
69. *Cherokee Telephone*--August 21, 1890. Critical editorial on Mayes.
70. Ibid.
71. *Cherokee Advocate*--November 5, 1890. Fourth Annual message of Mayes as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Box 2

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1. November 7, 1890. Letter from Mayes to National Council re: funds for census.
2. *Indian Chieftain*--November 20, 1890. Editorial on Mayes.
3. November 21, 1890. Letter from Mayes to the National Council re: report of the Town Commissioners.
4. November 26, 1890. Letter from Mayes to the Cherokee Senate making appointments to a commission for the cession of lands.
5. *Cherokee Telephone*--December 4, 1890. Editorial on Mayes.
6. December 9, 1890. Letter from Mayes to the National Council re: money from railroads and the Cherokee Strip Live Stock Association.
7. December 26, 1890. Letter from Mayes to the National Council submitting a report on the Board of Education.
8. *Indian Chieftain*--February 12, 1891. Letter from Mayes to J.K. Clingan re: The "cow law".
9. *Cherokee Telephone*--February 12, 1891. Letter to the editor critical of Mayes.

10. *Cherokee Telephone*--February 12, 1891. Editorial on Mayes.
11. May 14, 1891. Ibid.
12. May 21, 1891. Ibid.
13. Ibid.
14. Ibid.
15. May 28, 1891. Ibid.
16. June 4, 1891. Ibid.
17. Ibid.
18. June 11, 1891. Ibid.
19. *Cherokee Telephone*--June 25, 1891. Letter from Mayes to L.L. Crutchfield, Revenue Collector, Cooweescoowee District, re: collection of rent on grazing lands.
20. *Purcell Register*--June 26, 1891. Editorial on Mayes.
21. Ibid.
22. Ibid.
23. *Cherokee Telephone*--July 2, 1891. Veto message of Bloodbill 1890 by Mayes.
24. *Cherokee Telephone*--July 9, 1891. Editorial on Mayes.
25. July 10, 1891. Ibid.
26. *Cherokee Telephone*--July 16, 1891. Editorial on Mayes and Bushyhead.
27. *Cherokee Telephone*--July 16, 1891. Editorial on Mayes, Bushyhead and Bengé.
28. *Cherokee Telephone*--July 23, 1891. Editorial on speeches made by Mayes and others.
29. *Cherokee Telephone*--July 23, 1891. Article on Mayes entitled "Shameless".
30. *Cherokee Telephone*--July 23, 1891. Editorial on Mayes.
31. *Vinita World*--July 25, 1891. Editorial on Mayes.